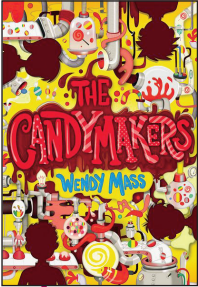


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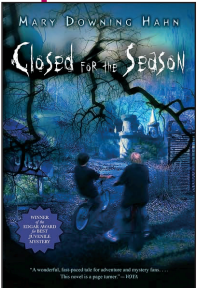
INTERMEDIATE NOMINEES



The Candymakers

by Wendy Mass

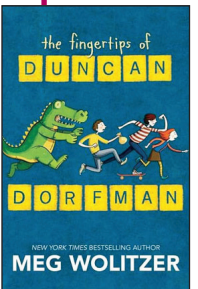
An obnoxious rich kid, a spy, a child who witnessed a tragic event, and the son of a candy factory owner come together to compete in a national candy competition for best new candy. Mysteries abound. Candy lovers will find this book a sweet read!



Closed for the Season

by Mary Downing Hahn

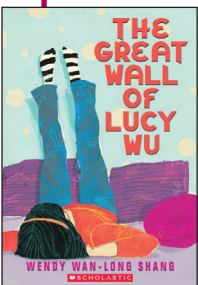
Arthur and Logan tackle the derelict amusement park, The Magic Forest, hoping to solve a murder. The victim was the previous owner of Logan's new home! The park is supposedly closed for the season, so who is in there with them, and are they in danger?



The Fingertips of Duncan Dorfman

by Meg Wolitzer

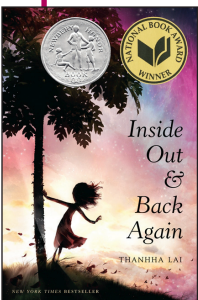
To cheat or not to cheat? Duncan Dorfman has a unique power of reading letters without looking, and when Duncan competes at a national Scrabble tournament, he must choose what is right. Duncan and his new friends April and Nate team up and change the competition in unforeseen ways.



The Great Wall of Lucy Wu

by Wendy Wan Long-Shang

11 year-old Chinese-American and basketball player Lucy Wu plans for a great sixth grade year, finally getting her own room and her own life. Things don't turn out as planned when her great-aunt Yi-Po arrives from China to share her space. Will delicious dumplings be enough to fix a tough situation?



Inside Out and Back Again

by Thanhha Lai

Vietnam, 1975. Even though Ha's father has been missing for almost a year, Ha and her family decide to leave Vietnam and start their lives over in the United States. Told in verse, Ha's story describes her new life with humor and hope.

Mike Stellar: Nerves of Steel

by K.A. Holt

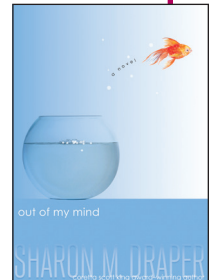
Mike Stellar does NOT want to be on an expedition to colonize Mars with his parents, his nightmare of a teacher, and a cast of suspicious characters. Mike needs nerves of steel and the help of a girl named Larc to clear his parents' name and save the mission.



Out of My Mind

by Sharon M. Draper

Melody is probably the smartest student in her school, but no one knows it because cerebral palsy has her trapped inside her body. Can technology open her world to everyone else? Melody narrates her story of immense struggle and even greater accomplishments.



Saving Armpit

by Natalie Hyde

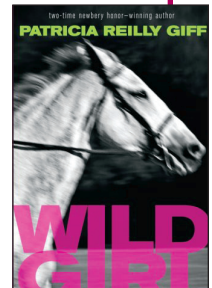
Will the beleaguered Terriers baseball team ever win a game? How can they win without a real coach? Baseball fans will love the fast-paced action as the Terriers use teamwork and imagination to help their town's baseball team survive.



Wild Girl

by Patricia Reilly Giff

Lidie leaves Mexico to join her father and brother in New York where they train racehorses. She never thought her new life would be so difficult and unfamiliar. Can a special horse help her feel at home?



Wildfire Run

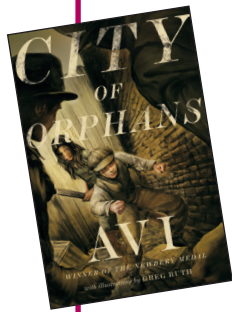
by Dee Garretson

The President's son Luke and his friends Theo and Callie enjoy their vacation at Camp David, the safest place in the US. When a raging wildfire threatens to turn Camp David into a death trap, they race to override security systems and save the Secret Service agents who are supposed to keep them safe.



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TEEN NOMINEES



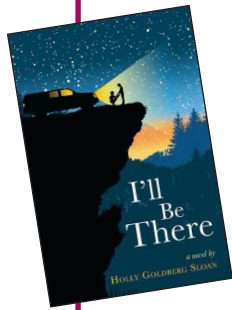
City of Orphans by Avi

New York City, 1893. When Maks' sister, Emma, is falsely accused of stealing and imprisoned, Maks and his friend Willa must prove her innocence. Maks must balance his amateur detective work with his newspaper business, not to mention the Plug Ugly gang and their attempts to stop Lower East Side Newsies from delivering their papers.



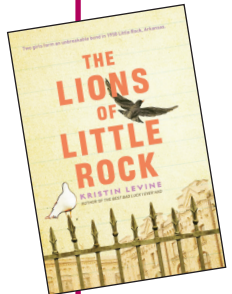
Divergent by Veronica Roth

Beatrice "Tris" lives in a society where citizens belong to factions that share certain aptitudes. Tris has not one, but three aptitudes, selflessness, courage, and truth-seeking. To survive, Beatrice must hide her Divergence and choose just one faction, one aptitude. When she selects Dauntless, for courage, she little imagines the stunts, battles, and friendships she will encounter.



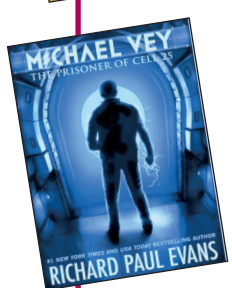
I'll Be There by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Sam and Riddle have moved around their entire lives with their unstable father. Sam wishes he could leave, but he could never abandon his quirky little brother Riddle. Then one day Sam meets Emily, a true believer in fate. Emily believes that Sam and Riddle are part of her destiny. As their paths intersect, their lives change forever.



The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine

1958, Arkansas. Painfully shy, Marlee feels grateful to her new friend Liz for making middle school more bearable. But Liz has a secret. She is a light skinned black 'passing' for white. This causes a massive uproar in the community. Shy Marlee finds the courage to help integrate her school. A powerful story of friendship and determination.



Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25 by Richard Paul Evans

Michael Vey has a secret. He is electric and can even restart car batteries. He thought he was unique until he meets Taylor, and they make a startling discovery. When Michael's mom disappears, they face an unknown enemy and even more electrics.

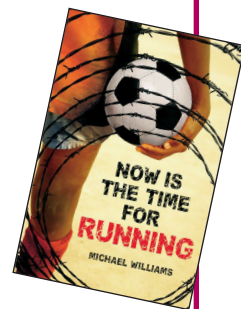
Mindblind by Jennifer Roy

14 year-old Nathaniel is a profoundly gifted Asperger's student. He thinks of himself as "mindblind:" he cannot always guess what other people are thinking. After college, he plans to become an "official genius." His story presents a unique perspective, illuminating the mind of a gifted person while showing the humor of Nathaniel's quirky existence.



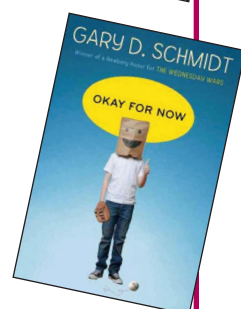
Now Is the Time for Running by Michael Williams

Deo and his friends live for soccer. Every day they meet in the fields near their village in Zimbabwe and play, cheered on by Deo's brother, Innocent. One day, the soldiers arrive, and everything changes in an instant. Deo and Innocent run for their lives with nothing but the clothes on their backs and a soccer ball.



Okay for Now by Gary D. Schmidt

Doug Swietek sees only the negatives of his move to a new town. Doug's father and brothers often take their anger out on Doug. Despite Doug's family troubles, he finds his own place in town and discovers his strengths and talents with the help of some unlikely friends.



Page by Paige by Laura Lee Gulledge

Paige has recently moved to New York City from Virginia with her writer parents. In her sketchbook, Paige journals her inner feelings and struggles. Although she is a true artist, she is afraid to share her drawings with her new friends. Gulledge presents beautiful illustrations and visual metaphors.



The Scorpio Races by Maggie Stiefvater

The Scorpio Races take place every November on the island of Thisby, with wild horses that emerge from the sea and young men who risk their lives to ride them. This year, 17-year-old Puck Connolly plans to break tradition as the first girl to enter the race. This book is a wild mix of horror, action, fantasy, and romance.

